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big top

blow[1,verb]

curly top

drop-top

high-top

Main Entry: **'top** 

Pronunciation: \ˈtāp\

Function: *noun*Etymology: Middle English, from Old English; akin to Old High German *zopf* tip, tuft of hair

Date: before 12th century

1 a (1) : the highest point, level, or part of something : **SUMMIT**, **CROWN** (2) : the head or top of the head —used especially in the phrase *top to toe* (3) : the head of a plant; *especially* : the aboveground part of a plant having edible roots <beet *tops*> (4) : a garment worn on the upper body

b (1) : the highest or uppermost region or part (2) : the upper end, edge, or surface
2 : a fitted, integral, or attached part or unit serving as an upper piece, lid, or covering

3 a : a platform surrounding the head of a lower mast that serves to spread the topmast rigging, strengthen the mast, and furnish a standing place for men aloft **b** : a comparable part of the superstructure; *especially* : such a part on a warship used as a fire-control station or antiaircraft gun platform

4 a : the highest degree or pitch conceivable or attained : **ACME**, **PINNACLE** **b** : the loudest or highest range of a sound

5 a : the part that is nearest in space or time to the source or beginning **b** : the first half of an inning in baseball

6 a (1) : the highest position (as in rank or


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achievement) (2) : a person or thing at the top
b *plural* : aces and kings in a hand or the three highest honors in a suit

7 : the choicest part : *CREAM, PICK*

8 : a forward spin given to a ball (as in golf or billiards) by striking it on or near the top or above the center; *also* : the stroke so given

9 : a fundamental quark that has an electric charge of $+2/3$ and a measured energy of approximately 175 GeV; *also* : the flavor characterizing this particle

— **topped**  *\tɒpt/ adjective*

— **off the top of one's head** : in an impromptu manner <sat down and wrote the...story *off the top of his head*— Jerome Beatty, Jr.>

— **on top of**

1 a : in control of <acted like a man *on top of* his job

— *Newsweek* **b** : informed about <tried to keep *on top of* new developments>

2 : in sudden and unexpected proximity to <the deadline was *on top of* them>

3 : in addition to

— **on top of the world** : in a position of eminent success, happiness, or fame

— **over the top** : beyond the bounds of what is expected, usual, normal, or appropriate

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